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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SAUDI AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

REF: STATE 240200

1. LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT SERVICES AND LOCKHEED ELECTRONICS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITT, IS NEARING COMPLETION OF ITS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROPOSAL, WHICH IT HOPES TO PRESENT TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION IN LATE JAN. PROPOSAL WILL BE FINALIZED AFTER CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE AND RSAF COMPLETE COMMENTS ON EARLIER LOCKHEED STUDY PRESENTED SOME MONTHS AGO TO RSAF/CAD. PROPOSAL CALLS FOR (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF FLIGHT INFORMATION CENTER IN RIYADH, LOCATION OF PRESENT MILITARY AIR DEFENSE CENTER (2) UTILIZATION OF EXISTING RSAF TROPO NETWORK TO COMMUNICATE WITH AIRCRAFT IN TRANSIT; AND (3) NEW FACILITIES TO EXPAND SYSTEM, REPLACING EXISTING AIRFIELD SURVEILLANCE RADAR (LIMITED TO 100-MILE RADIUS) WITH LONGER RANGE RADARS. IF PLAN ACCEPTED, FORESEEABLE SALES OF ITT AND MARCONI EQUIPMENT ARE IN DLRS 100-200 MILLION RANGE. LOCKHEED HOPES FOR SAG REPLY WITHIN COUPLE OF MONTHS AFTER JAN. PRESENTATION.

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2. SAG HAS YET TO MAKE POLICY DECISION ON WHETHER CIVIL OR MILITARY ELEMENT WILL BE PREDOMINANT. PROPOSAL RECOMMENDS CIVIL, BUT SAG MILITARY OPPOSES. IN EITHER CASE, PLAN CALLS FOR CROSS VALIDATION OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AIR CONTROLLERS. IN ADDITION, CAD STRONGLY OPPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF FLIGHT INFORMATION CENTER IN RIYADH, PREFERRING JIDDA, BUT APPEARS TO HAVE LOST ON THIS POINT.

3. NO OTHER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROPOSALS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY SAG. RAYTHEON PROPOSAL PRESENTED TWO YEARS AGO WAS REJECTED, IN OPINION LOCAL RAYTHEON PERSONNEL, AS TRYING TO DO TOO MUCH TOO FAST, PROPOSING TO ESTABLISH COMPLETE ATC NETWORK ASAP. LOCKHEED PROPOSAL CALLS FOR PHASED DEVELOPMENT AND SEEMS MORE IN LINE WITH SAG WISHES AND CAPABILITIES.  
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